

PATRICK HANLEY.

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JANUARY 8, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. BISHOP, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8706.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8706) to correct the military record of Patrick Hanley, having considered the same, would respectfully report such bill back to the House with the recommendation that the same do pass.

The facts upon which your committee rely for the clemency sought to be extended by this bill are briefly as follows: The soldier ran away from home and enlisted, without bounty, in Company H, Twenty-eighth Wisconsin, on the 20th day of August, 1862. He was then about 17 years old. He remained with his company in camp within his own State until December 19, 1862, when he obtained leave to visit his home, and while absent on such leave his regiment was ordered to the front, leaving the soldier behind. When he learned that the regiment had left, he followed them to Chicago. When he arrived there the regiment had left. Not being able to learn of its whereabouts, he enlisted in the Mercantile Battery, but was rejected on account of physical defects.

On the 10th day of June, 1863, he again tendered his services to his country and was assigned to the Navy, where he served faithfully for the full term of his enlistment and was honorably discharged. Had he been accepted when he enlisted in the Mercantile Battery, the soldier could have been relieved under the general law.

It is apparent the soldier never did intend to desert, and although he had to enter the service against the wishes of his parents, when he was fairly in the service and beyond the influence of his parents he served faithfully during his full term.

The total bounty paid him for his entire enlistment was \$25.

The record of such soldier, Army and Navy, is hereto attached and made a part hereof.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,  
*Washington, D. C., May 7, 1896.*

SIR: Referring to your letter of the 6th instant to the honorable Secretary of the Navy, I have the honor to state that one Patrick Hanley enlisted in the Navy at Chicago, Ill., June 15, 1863, as seaman for one year. Served on board of the *Covington*, *Fairy*, and hospital *Pinckney*, and was discharged June 25, 1864.

Respectfully,

F. M. RAMSAY, *Chief of Bureau.*

Hon. S. A. COOK,  
*House of Representatives.*

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RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington City, April 17, 1896.*

SIR: \* \* \* It is shown by the records that Patrick Hanley was enrolled August 20, 1862, and was mustered into service October 14, 1862, in Company H, Twenty-eighth Wisconsin Infantry, to serve three years. He appears to have served faithfully to December 19, 1862, when he deserted. He never returned thereafter, although his company remained in service to August 31, 1865. No evidence has been found showing he was a minor at the date of his enlistment or was enlisted without the consent of his parents, or that he was released or discharged from such service by the order or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction on habeas corpus or other proper judicial proceedings.

It does not appear from the files of this office that an application for removal of the charge of desertion has been presented to this Department, and in the absence of testimony the status of the soldier can not be determined under the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 2, 1889, the only law now in force governing the removal of charges of desertion.

Very respectfully,

F. C. AINSWORTH,

*Colonel, United States Army, Chief Record and Pension Office.*

Hon. S. A. Cook,

*House of Representatives.*

